### Urges All Citizens to Aid in Burying Wrongs of Past. Promises Protection.

By the Associated Press.

DUBLIN, February 11.—Michael Col lins, head of the Irish provisional government, has issued the following decree of general amnesty:

"Now that a treaty of peace has been concluded between the peoples of Ireland and Great Britain, the provisional government hereby decrees a general amnesty with respect to all acts committed in the course of the recent hostilities. The amnesty extends to all members of the naval, military, police and civil services of the British government, and to all other persons by whom acts of hostility against the Irish people were committed, aided or abetted, whether in Ireland or elsewhere, during the last six years, and full protection of the law will be afforded such persons against violence or injury of any kind.

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"The provisional government appeals to all citizens to respect this amnesty in spirit and letter. In this, as in other matters, we must not allow ourselves to be outdone by our late enemies in seeking that the wrongs of the past may be buried in oblivion."

Prisoners' Release Near.

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A rumor reached Dublin that the men captured in Ulster had been taken to Beggarsbush barracks. Inquiries there from Dublin Castle and by members of the provisional government, failed to confirm the rumors but an official at the castle said he presumed that if the report was true it might mean that the men were taken there preliminary to their release.

The text of the Irish Free State act of 1922, which is now before the British parliament, is highly approved among the supporters of the British parliament, is highly approved among the supporters of the British parliament, is highly approved among the supporters of the British parliament, is highly approved among the supporters of the British parliament, is highly approved among the supporters of the British parliament, is highly approved among the supporters of the British parliament, is highly approved among the supporters of the Poace treaty between Great Britain and Ireland. It had been supposed the bill would merely set up a constituent assembly, and Eamonn de Valera already had given his reasons for not joining such an assembly; but the act sets up a legislature and an executive responsible to it for the exercise of all the powers within the treaty's scope. The legislature will have the power not only to deal with the constitution, but with all other husiness and the only speculation.

T. Mather, director of the national Geographic Society. By means of colored motion in pictures and lantern sides, Mr. Mather brought out the rich hues of forest and desert, glacier-bordered lakes. "Painter Visits and finally the Dantellike view into the camera registered the furiously boiling molten stone by its own weird light.

One Park in East.

Though most of the national parks are west of the Rockies, the United States possesses one national play-sproud in the east, Mr. Mather pointed the coast of Maine, one of the few places on the Atlantic coast where lofty hills rise from the sea.

Pictures of Rocky Mountain Park, near Denver, showed views o nave the power not only to deal with the constitution, but with all other business, and the only speculation left is what the second act, establish-ing the free state, will contain.

Ulster Presents Problem.

### MEN ARE DROPPED; OTHERS TO FOLLOW

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A special investigation along this line has been going forward for six weeks, it was revealed today, and it was just being wound up when the anneuncement of the decrease in force at the navy yard was made.

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Seventy per cent of the work on big guns has been stopped as a re-sult of the Washington conference. Forty-eight of these guns, it was re-ported today, are at the Washington navy yard, and much of the work which was stopped was on these guns. which was stopped was on these guns. The defensive armament program has been mapped out by the Navy Department and is proceeding as per schedule. The forces now employed are sufficient to take care of the defensive armament which the United States plans for the future, and it is believed that no additions will be made in the months to come for the purpose of amplifying the program.

DEDICATION APRIL 27.

Star Erroneously Gave Grant Memorial Date as April 22.

The Evening Star yesterday an-nounced that the Grant memorial in Botanic Garden would be dedicated April 22 next. This was erroneous. The dedication will take place April

# **NATIONAL PARKS** SCENIC PARADISE

### Director Mather Tells of Wonders Before National Geo-

graphic Society.

Without going outside his own national parks, Uncle Sam can surpass the old song about "Greenland's toy mountains" and "India's coral strands," for in those public plays grounds the gamut is run from the ice rivers of Glacier National Park to the bubbling, red-hot lava of the Kilauea National Park of Hawaii.

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This organization was formed to take the place of section B of the Education Association of the District

which was projected last year for all the teachers in the local public school system and which was affiliated with the National Education Association inder two sections, namely, section A. "white." and section B. "colored."

B, but by a vote of that body their initiation fees were returned on account of the dissatisfaction which arose over the designations "white" and "colored" and because the president of section B was not eligible to the presidency of the general associa-

Prof. Kelly Miller of Howard University, who was president of section B, declined nomination to the presidency of the new organization and several others who were nominated also declined. Miss Lucy Blowe, prin-cipal of the Shaw Junior High School, subsequently was elected president. Other officers chosen are: Arthur C. Newman, principal of Armstrong Manual Training School, vice president; A. G. Knorl, secretary, and Miss M. E. Gibbs, treasurer.

## CHURCH APPEAL BRINGS

# FUND FOR RELIEF

Jewish Drive Will Be Continued Until Full Quota Is Subscribed.

Determined efforts and arrangenents are being made and planned for the remaining two official days of the Washington American Jewish campaign to put the District of Con lumbia in the column of oversubcribers to their quota in the \$14,-900,000 national campaign now being carried on for relief of destitute refugees, both Jew and gentile, in southeastern Europe. Although more than

Chairman Lyon had arranged a "surprise" at the Eighth Street Temple last night by having Judge Harry registered the furiously boiling moter stone by its own weird light. Though most of the national parks are west of the Rockies, the United States possesses one national play-ground in the east, Mr. Mather pointed out. This is the Lafayette National Park, on Mount Desert Island, on the coast of Maine, one of the few places on the Atlantic coast where lost places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the coast of Maine, one of the few places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places of Rocky Mountain Park, near Denver, showed views of roads of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the places on the Atlantic coast where lost in the grand of the gran M. Fisher of Chicago address the con

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A. "white," and section B, "colored," in similarity to the arrangement of the school system.

Three hundred and twenty-nine of the colored teachers joined section B, but by a vote of that body their initiation sees were admitted.

was in love with Taylor or had quarreled with him.

It was believed that letters of Miss Normand to Taylor, for several days reported missing, but later found in a boot in a closet in the Taylor home, were considered during the district attorney's questioning of the actress.

Miss Normand issued a statement last night through, her manager, in which she declared she could "not offer any solution whatever" for the slaying of Taylor. The statement follows:

Denses Any Quarrel.

"No one will ever know how I respectively the terrible tragedy." I have told Charles Young, U. S. A., who died respectively and the company of the late Col. Charles Young, U. S. A., who died respectively and the company of the late Col.

CREW OF ILL-FATED STEAMSHIP NORTHERN PACIFIC AND EDISON, AGED 75 TODAY, LEADER OF RESCUERS.



Members of the crew, photographed at Newport News, Va., following their rescue from the transport Northern Pacific, which was left a skeleton by Jersey.

# LINCOLN TRIBUTE

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### CITIZENS URGE BETTERMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Ills Due to Divided Authority. Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, president of JUSTICE MCCOY HONORS the District Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Association, told the committee that in her opinion many of

# STAR SINGS FOR HIM

By the Associated Press.
WEST ORANGE, N. J., February 11.—Seventy-five years ago today Thomas A. Edison was born. Today, however, was just another Saturday in his busy life. He had made no plans to take a day off, not even to delay rising beyond the usual hour. At the great Edison plant he and his army of fellow workmen faced the same routing.

while Mr. Edison seemingly forgot the day and its significance, there was no oversight on the part of the "Edison Pioneers," an erganization of men employed by him since 1885, or for an even longer period. Members of this band of workmen have planned for many days the greetings to be extended to the aged inventor, and had arranged for the annual luncheon in the storage battery building of the plant.

A wireless telephone had been installed in the hall, and arias by Marie Bappold, grand opera star, who sang for the gathering, were sent broadcast.

Many old friends were expected Many old friends were expected to drop in and swap reminiscences during the afternoon. The Edison workers proudly displayed celluloid buttons having the figures "75." Messages of congratulation came in from all parts of the world, from all manner of men and women, great and small, and in all manner of forms.

A private dinner party will be held at the Edison home this evening.

A letter of warm congratulation has been sent by President Harding to his friend. Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor and master scientist, wishing him best wishes for his birthday. The letter follows:

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"My dear Mr. Edison:
"Senator Frelinghuysen has reminded me of the fact that you are to celebrate your seventy-fifth birthday anniversary February 11, and I am taking this occasion to send you my congratulations and very best wishes. I hope you will have many more years of happy service to the world at large such as you have given so generously in the past. Very sincerely, "WARREN G. HARDING."

LOOKS FOR DRASTIC LAW ON DIVORCES

told the committee that he, as much as any other lawyer in this city, was to blame for sitting by and permit-ting this evil to increase. Steps Long Delayed.

"We should have taken steps long ago to put a stop to it." Judge Norton told the committee. "We were asleep, and we have permitted the evil to inago to put a stop to it." Judge Norton told the committee. "We were asleep, and we have permitted the evil to increase until it has become a disgrace. The time finally arrived when conditions became so bad it was found necessary to take some action. The case is set again, and maybe partly heard. The judge then is on the bench in the lower court, or perhaps is on a vacation. A new judge is on the bench and doesn't know anything about the case. The case is again postponed until the former judge comes back. Then, as often is the case, the demand for the jury trial is withdrawn, and a plea of guilty entered. The case then comes up. if not experiencing new delays, and deescribing to the committee.

they are definitely acted upon by the courts of justice.

It was stated today by members of the local investigating committee that when it meets for the third time late this afternoon it will devote the entire session to the consideration of a report to be made by the subcommittee, which for two weeks, has been making a tabulation of the divorce cases in the files of the corporation court for the period from May 1, 1920, to the present time. The committee's report, it was explained, will be complete in its outline as it is pre-The school board building program was indorsed by Rudolph Jose, president of the Civitan Club. The needs of the colored schools in the District were emphasized by Arqhibald H. Grimke and Dr. George Richardson, both of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

A. J. Driscoll, president of the Mid City Citisens' Association, expressed approval of the school board's building program and advocated free text books for the high school pupils.

# **VIRGINIA REQUISITION**

committee that in her opinion many of the ills of the school system could be traced to divided authority in the hands of the school board and the District officials. She advocated a change in the law which would make the board of education entirely independent, with full authority over all matters relating to the schools. Then the board could be held responsible for the condition of the schools, she said. At present it is impossible to pin the responsibility for conditions here on any one, Mrs. Rafter added.

As indication of the lack of unification in the system, Mra. Rafter said that not long ago the drinking fountains in the schools had been cut off, on the ground that they were not sanitary. For three weeks, she said, the children had to go without water. The District health officer, she stated, had insisted he only had authority to shut the water off. But three weeks later, without anything having been done to improve the fountains, they were turned on again, Mrs. Rafter stated.

Mrs. Rafter declared the superintendent of schools here should be referred to the National Fine Arts of the Virginia papers.

Committee that in her opinion many of the day honored the requisition of the Governor of Virginia for the redurn to that state of Leroy Brailey, Edward Fanning, Frank R. Cady, John W. Warring and William P. Cady, 21-leged to be implicated in the robbery of the wine cellars of the Virginia home of Joseph Leiter, former president of the Washington Gas Light Company. The liquor taken from the Leiter home is valued in the demanding papers at about 335,000. The Tother weeks, she said, the children had to go without water. The District health of the accused men, immediately sued out writs of habeas corpus before Justice Hits. The writs were granted and hearing set for February 17. The men were released on bail of \$1,000 each, pending the hearing.

Attorney T. Morris Wampler, for the accused men, immediately sued out writs of habeas corpus before Justice Hits. The writs were granted and hearing set for February 17 Chief Justice McCoy, acting as gov-

## UP AT HIS USUAL HOUR; DELAY UPON DELAY IN DRY LAW TRIALS

### Lack of Judges and Other Causes Show Need of

Separate Court. Handling of prohibition cases continues to prove an arduous task in the District Police Court, and time intervening between arrests and the

intervening between arrests and the final disposition of cases dealing with violation of the Volstead act lengthens into months and months and in some instances into years. Convictions by juries are infrequent, on the average, due, it is believed, to the attitude of the jurymen at the beginning of the trial.

The long delays daily experienced in the handling of these cases, which tie up the other business of the court, have emphasized the need of a separate, court to hear these cases, officials say, as was shown necessary in the traffic cases.

Judges on the bench are of like opinion, but decline to speak for publication. The fear that some one will think that selfishly they are trying to lighten their own burdens seems to prevail.

From 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning to 6 o'clock in the evening, with half an hour off for lunch, two cases were tried. In one against Edward Scott, colored, for selling liquor, the verdict was returned by the jury as guilty, but sentence by Judge McMahon was delayed until next Wednesday. In the other against James P. Dixon, colored, the verdict brought in was for acquittal. Both these cases were recent violations.

Several Sentenced or Fined.

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Yesterday the jury was dismissed until 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon, and sentences were imposed by Judge Hardison for cases tried many months before, one a year ago, another last summer. Caesar de Caesar was fined \$50 for unlawful possession, and Frederick Cook was sentenced to six months for selling and fined \$500 for transporting; John Smith, six months for selling; and Walter Wade Davis two months and \$300 for making a handbook.

Attorney for the last three asked for Attorney for the last three asked fo

a motion for a new trial and writ of error by the Court of Appeals. The three men were released on bonds. Archie Brown, charged with violation of the Volstead act, forfeited \$400 by his non-appearance his non-appearance.

Delays in the trying of cases are caused in this manner: When first arraigned the plea of not guilty is entered and a jury trial demanded. The case is set for some future date, often weeks off, so the government can investigate and all the witnesses be summoned. Then at the time set the case again is postponed for the reason that some of the witnesses are absent or the defendant is ill, or perhaps the chemist cannot appear.

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Clarence Burroughs was brought before Judge McMahon a few minutes later, charged with transporting twenty-four half gallons of whisky. He entered a plea of not guilty and demanded a jury trial. The date of this trial or the time it is supposed to come up, will be posted later.

posed to come up, will be posted later.

Summing up the whole situation, one official declared, affairs at Police Court are in bad shape. One official has declared that unless something is done to prevent the unnecessary delays he will ask to be transferred to some other line of duty.

It is stated that there is at present a bill before Congress to give the judges of the Court of Claims power to try federal cases, including violations of the Volstead act. This is, in the mind of certain officials, one way to remedy Police Court conditions. the mind of certain officials, one way to remedy Police Court conditions.

There is no doubt in the minds of any of the officials, or those in regular attendance in the Police Court, that, with few exceptions, averaging probably one in fifty, all the men brought into court for violating the prohibition laws are really violators.

### BUILDING INSPECTORS

GET KELLER'S WARNING All inspectors in the building department of the District government have been told by Engineer Commissioner Keller that hereafter no building shall be approved until the building regula-tions have been complied with literally